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To whom it may concern,

There is no water sharing here where I am, my share has been sold to two irrigators below me on the plain being on the side of a mountain cultivating is not possible all I have is stock they need water.

In 1997 state water in Tamworth stopped giving out irrigation licences.

In 2002 irrigation allocations were being reduced from Quirindi down the Namoi valley and surrounds for ground water and surface

In 2005-2006 five licences were issued in Oxley across the Plain to below me on the mountain.

November 2009 my bore the bore on the property next to me showed signs of low out pit.

My bore is 1600 feet above sea level the irrigation bore is 1300 feet with four pivots of 10 plus spans going 24 hours seven days a week from October to March they are extracting more water out, than is recharging the aquifer especially the last four years with low rainfall no flooding for eleven years the catchment is not large enough for what Savender has been allocated. Christmas 2011 the property of Andy Langfield next door to the irrigation bore of Savenders went dry, I went into state water spoke to cate Barrett she told me I could not complain on behalf of somebody else, I have been speaking to her since 2006. when I first complained.

Before irrigation started three tanks would have water now I can not get water for one tank trucked in water January 2018 again on 5-1-2019 - 12-1-2019 - 26-1-2019.

When the irrigation starts in September the flow rate drops to thirty minutes then the prob down the bore turns the pump off from March on the flow rate sometimes comes back up to three to four hours before cutting out when lavender stops irrigating I have spoken to people in state water plus meetings in 2019 in January at Narrabri in June Gunnedah in August Gunnedah with Planning Industry + Environment Warwick Clarke water planner, water Group, Newcastle, I was told there is a monitoring bore at Springridge which is seventeen miles away the surface water does not flow in that direction from here the flow is to Goran Lake which cannot measure how far down the water has fallen where my bore is or the irrigating bore. There is no running surface water the mooki is twenty five miles at Carona the mountain separates Bundella and Cox's creek from where the irrigation bore is in the recent drought all the rivers + creeks stopped flowing some dried up with no water in them, the under ground water was still being pumped out for irrigation. In November 2009 a former hydrologist Wendy Simms was being interviewed on ABC Radio said the Namoi was still over allocated as showed up in the last drought of three years. On the side of gullies + ridges over the past seven years Kurrajong trees have died as the water table has been drawn down that low. There is eight properties affected from the irrigating bore in a half circle above the plain.

Regards,  
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